# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## FISCAL NOTE

HB 2436 - SB 2631

March 2, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the requirement that a student be enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution in the fall term following completion of high school to be eligible for Tennessee Promise scholarship program.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,212,900/FY22-23/
Tennessee Promise Scholarship Reserve Account
Exceeds \$1,212,900/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/
Tennessee Promise Scholarship Reserve Account

## Assumptions:

- Currently students who take time off from school between high school and college (known as a "gap year") are not eligible for Tennessee Promise.
- Based on information provided by TSAC:
  - o 1,173 new students will eligible to receive the Promise Scholarship in FY22-23.
  - o The average TN Promise annual award is \$1,034.
- The increase in state expenditure from the Tennessee Promise Reserve Account is \$1,212,882 (1,173 students x \$1,034 award) in FY22-23.
- The extended time period for eligibility may result in more students taking advantage of the new eligibility criteria in future years, increasing the number of overall award recipients.
- The increase in state expenditures from the Tennessee Promise Reserve Account is estimated to exceed \$1,212,882 in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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